

IDAHO OIL & GAS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Est. 1963



STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2018



Inside a Drilling Rig, Payette County

Welcome

For any organization to remain relevant and effective, it must regularly examine why it exists, where it is headed, and whether it is fully achieving its mission.

The Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission went through this self examination process to establish a firm foundation for the years ahead. To start this process the Commission reached out to external stakeholders, cooperators, and IDL staff. We took a hard look at what we have done, how we have done it, our strengths, and areas for improvement.

We set three goals: Develop Effective Regulations; Establish Organization-Wide Expertise; and Build Partnerships.

Commercial oil and gas production will continue to grow and develop in Idaho, and as the industry develops the Commission strives to continue growing and learning from other more mature oil and gas producing states.

We are developing and implementing regulations and policies through rulemaking and statute to align all that we do with best management practices.

Training and equipping the Commission and staff is a priority, to enable them to make the best, most well-informed decisions possible.

We will continue to build partnerships with organizations such as the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission and key stakeholders.

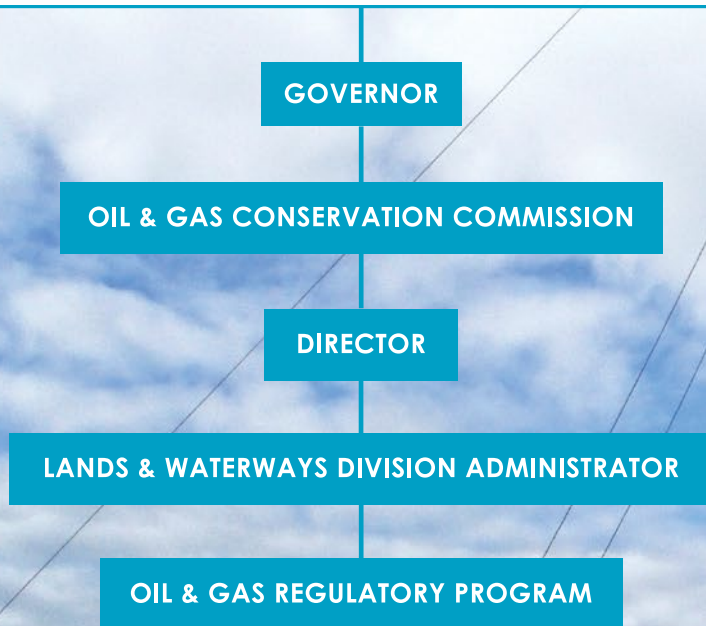
The Oil and Gas Conservation Commission strategic plan will guide us as we conduct business every day.



Thomas M. Schultz, Jr.

TOM SCHULTZ, Secretary

Organizational Structure



In 1963, the Idaho Legislature passed House Bill 168, the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Act. It reads, *“There is hereby created an Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Idaho consisting of the Idaho Bureau of Mines and Geology.”*

Idaho has made efforts to reform its government structure seven times since 1919, generally focusing on improving the efficiency of government by reorganizing the executive branch and examining state expenditures. In the early 1970s, the Idaho Legislature made changes that affected all state agencies including the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (*Commission*).

In 1973, the Legislative Executive Reorganization Commission recommended restructuring the Idaho executive branch on the heels of the 1972 Constitutional amendment, which limited the number of executive agencies in Idaho to 20. As a result, the Idaho Legislature approved Senate Bill 1302 (*Reorganization Act of 1974*) which reorganized state government, including the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. It provided *“that the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission shall consist of the State Board of Land Commissioners.”*

The current Commission structure was adopted in 2013, with the passage of Senate Bill 1049. The impetus behind this change was to create a commission with greater expertise in oil and gas administration. The Commission is appointed by the Governor and consists of:

- ONE MEMBER KNOWLEDGEABLE IN OIL AND GAS MATTERS
- ONE MEMBER KNOWLEDGEABLE IN GEOLOGICAL MATTERS
- ONE MEMBER KNOWLEDGEABLE IN WATER MATTERS
- ONE MEMBER WHO IS A PRIVATE LANDOWNER AND OWNS MINERAL RIGHTS WITH THE SURFACE IN A COUNTY WITH OIL AND GAS ACTIVITY
- ONE MEMBER WHO IS A PRIVATE LANDOWNER AND DOES NOT OWN MINERAL RIGHTS

The Commission regulates the exploration, drilling and production of oil and gas resources in Idaho to ensure the conservation of oil and gas, and the protection of correlative rights, surface water and groundwater.

The Idaho Department of Lands serves as the administrative arm of the Commission, with the Director serving as the Commission Secretary.

APPOINTED COMMISSION MEMBERS



CHAIRMAN CHRIS BECK
WATER INTERESTS



VICE CHAIRMAN
MARGARET CHIPMAN
LANDOWNER WITH MINERAL RIGHTS



KEN SMITH
OIL AND GAS INTERESTS



SID CELLAN
LANDOWNER WITHOUT
MINERAL RIGHTS



JAMES CLASSEN
GEOLOGICAL INTERESTS



Our Mission

THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULATES THE EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT,
DRILLING AND PRODUCTION OF OIL AND GAS
RESOURCES TO ENSURE THE CONSERVATION OF OIL
AND GAS, AND THE PROTECTION OF CORRELATIVE
RIGHTS, SURFACE WATER AND GROUNDWATER.

Goals

Develop Effective Regulations

DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT REGULATIONS, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES ALIGNED WITH BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES THAT FOSTER, ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION OF OIL AND GAS RESOURCES.

Establish Organization-Wide Expertise

ENSURE THAT THE OGCC, INCLUDING ITS COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF, IS PROPERLY STAFFED, TRAINED, AND EQUIPPED TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS AND EFFECTIVELY SERVE AS THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY FOR THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY IN THE STATE OF IDAHO.

Build Partnerships

BUILD PARTNERSHIPS WITH SYNERGISTIC ORGANIZATIONS, THE PUBLIC AND OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS TO ADVANCE OGCC'S MISSION.

IDAHO OIL & GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

300 North 6th Street, Suite 103, Boise, Idaho 83702 | P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0050

www.idl.idaho.gov/oil-gas



Copyright © 2016 Idaho Oil & Gas Conservation Commission. All rights reserved.
Highway 30 Processing Facility, Payette County